

### Remarks

In the Office Action mailed November 16, 2005 the Examiner stated that dependent claims 3, 9, and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Advisory Action dated January 24, 2006 repeated that determination.

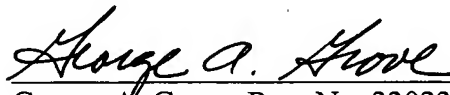
Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of its dependent claim 3. Dependent claims 3-5 have been canceled as unnecessary in view of the amendment of claim 1.

Independent claim 6 has been amended to include the limitation of its dependent claim 9. Dependent claims 9-11 have been cancelled as unnecessary in view of the amendment of claim 6.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the limitation of its dependent claim 15. Dependent claims 15-17 have been cancelled as unnecessary in view of the amendment of claim 6.

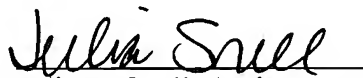
These amendments have been made to conform to the Examiner's decision. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 1, 2, 6-8, and 12-14 are allowable and that this application is now in condition for allowance. Please allow these claims and pass this case to issue.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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